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524 a second person takes part by lifting them off, etc. Each of the figures has a special name; I was shown wind, stars, deer. In general, the string game is regarded as a very difficult game.

[824] [M] I did not see balls, but was told that they make themselves balls out of maize leaves (dōki). They maintain that they learned to make them from the Brazilians. I also did not see anywhere the feather balls made out of corncobs with a ring-shaped insert, which Ehrenreich mentions.

Finally, still to be mentioned is a puzzle game which is popularly practiced by youths and men. The problem is to make two interlocking cane sections out of one piece. What matters here is only the clever way of making it. A piece of cane /313/ approximately 15 centimeters long and half a centimeter wide is split lengthwise, the two sections cut out in the upper layer by means of parallel cuts, the inner substance is scraped out except for two knobs at the ends, and the plaything is finished (Ill. 177 a, b).

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● 541 [M] As for animal fights, there are said to be cockfights, which, like the hens, they have taken over from the Brazilians. I did not see any; they were described to me as follows: children hide a hen under a mat; then they bring two roosters, one after the other, in order to provoke them.

526 Climbing is practiced a great deal. They are very adept at climbing tall trees; it is said that they sometimes tie a rope around both feet as a climbing loop.

Foot racing is very popular among the male youth; women and children, too, are said to participate in it. Apparently there are times when larger foot-race games are organized (rainy season). At other times the young people run for practice on the sandbank; the one in the lead often holds both arms stretched out sideways, in order not to let the other pass. Their resting position is peculiar: standing, they draw one leg up and place the sole of it against the inner side of the knee of the other (Pl. 30, Ill. 4).